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SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes of the Government to supply DAP Potash and Nitrogenousfertilizers to the farmers of Bihar State during the current year;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers required by the State Government for wheat cultivation this year; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to supply the fertilizers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): The requirement of major fertilizers namely urea, di- ammonium phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP) are assessed for each State/Union Territory for each cropping season, i.e Kharif and Rabiseason by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation in the fertilizer Zonal Conferences held before the commencement of the season. Therequirement of these fertilizers is not separately assessed for wheat cultivation .

The assessed requirement of these fertilizers in respect of Bihar for Kharif and Rabi seasons in 2002-03 is given below: ('000 MTs) Kharif, 2002 Rabi 2002-03 Product Assessed requirement Availability Sales Assessed requirement Urea 650.00 660.22 570.24 700.00 DAP 120.00 91.70 86.54 200.00 MOP 40.00 20.05 19.75 70.00
After decontrol of fertilizers in August 1992, now urea is the only fertilizer under price and distribution control of the Government of India. The availability of this product is ensured through allocation under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (ECA allocation).Other major chemical fertilizers namely DAP, MOP, complex fertilizers and SSP which aredecontrolled, are covered under the "Concession Scheme for decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers" and their availability is dependent upon market forces of demand and supply. Unlike urea, no allocations of decontrolled fertilizers are made. However, on request of State Government, the supply of DAP and MOP is augmented in the event of localshortages through buffer stocks operated by the Indian Potash Limited onbehalf of Government of India.